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SUBJECT: GREECE AND NATO: RESPONSE TO CARAMANLIS LETTER

REF: A. USNATO 5267; B. STATE 202902; C. ATHENS 6210

1. NATO CONSULTATIONS SHOW CONSENSUS THAT NOW IS APPROPRIATE TIME TO RESPOND TO AUGUST 28 LETTER FROM CARAMANLIS TO PRESIDENT FORD REGARDING GREECE'S WITHDRAWAL FROM NATO'S INTEGRATED MILITARY STRUCTURE.

2. ACCORDINGLY, YOU SHOULD DELIVER TO PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS FOLLOWING TEXT OF RESPONSE BY PRESIDENT FORD TO THE CARAMANLIS LETTER OF AUGUST 28.

BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN ATHENS HAS CONVEYED TO ME YOUR LETTER OF AUGUST 28, IN WHICH YOU STATE THAT GREECE IS PREPARED  
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TO EXAMINE WITH ITS ALLIES THE PRACTICAL MEASURES CALLED

FOR BY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GREECE'S DECISIONS DESCRIBED  
IN YOUR LETTER.

THE UNITED STATES, OF COURSE, WILL CAREFULLY EXAMINE  
ANY PROPOSALS BY GREECE IN THIS REGARD. THE UNITED  
STATES WILL PLAN TO CONSULT APPROPRIATELY WITH OTHER  
ALLIES WHOSE INTERESTS WOULD BE AFFECTED AND TO DISCUSS  
THOSE PROPOSALS APPROPRIATELY WITH GREECE.

THE UNITED STATES WILL BE GUIDED IN THESE MATTERS BY  
THE ASSUMPTION THAT ALL OF THE ALLIES, INCLUDING GREECE,  
JOIN IN COLLECTIVE DEFENSE IN THEIR OWN INTERESTS. IN  
REPLYING TO YOU, I WOULD EMPHASIZE THE WILLINGNESS  
EXPRESSED BY THE UNITED STATES TO STRENGTHEN THE COMMON  
ALLIANCE TIES AND TO HELP THE GREEK GOVERNMENT IN ANY  
WAY POSSIBLE. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT.

3. FOR USNATO: YOU MAY INFORM ALLIES OF CONTENTS OF  
FOREGOING LETTER FOR THEIR INFORMATION.

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